

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 1461
OFFERED BY MR. WALZ**

Page 8, after line 22, insert the following:

1 SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

2 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
3 take effect on the date that is 180 days after the date
4 on which the Secretary of Veteran Affairs submits to Con-
5 gress certification that all employees of the Department
6 of Veterans Affairs who are qualified for appointments
7 under section 7401 of title 38, United States Code, are
8 appointed to positions that provide direct patient care to
9 veterans.

